(5) Imphal River Flood Control Schemes—8 Schemes. — Rs. 347.00 lakh
(6) Iril River Flood Control Schemes—2 Schemes. — Rs. 68.30 lakh
(7) Kongba River Flood Control Schemes—3 Schemes — Rs. 116.00 lakh
(8) Thoubal River Flood Control Schemes—1 Scheme — Rs. 64.00 lakh
(9) Sekmai River Flood Control Schemes—5 Schemes — Rs. 193.00 lakh

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Irrigation and flood control are State subjects. Planning and implementation of schemes related to these is done by the State Government from the funds provided by the Planning Commission under the State Plan.

Development of Telangana region

3358. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Godavari water issue was discussed at World Water Forum meetings in Hague held from 16th to 23rd March, 2000; and

(b) if so, the action taken to pressurise the State Government of Andhra Pradesh to harness Godavari water for developent of water-scarce Telangana Region of Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) No Sir. The Godavari Water Issue was not in the Agenda of discussions at the World Water Forum meetings held in the Hague, Netherlands from 16—23rd March, 2000. However, Government of Andhra Pradesh has prepared an Action Plan to harness Godavari Waters comprising of six projects of which reports of only two projects namely Inchamplly and Polavaram were received from Government of Andhra Pradesh. The reports were examined and Government of Andhra Pradesh have been advised to resolve the inter-State issues and submit detailed project reports taking into account the observations of Central Water Commission.

Amendment in River dispute Laws

3359. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for integrated Water Resources Development has strongly recommended Government to enact a comprehensive law for joint management of inter-State rivers;

(b) if so, whether the existing river dispute laws are ineffective and need overhauling; and

(c) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) The National Commission for Intergrated Water Resources Development has recommended for enactment of a law on inter-State rivers to be called the Inter-State Rivers & River Valley (Integrtated and Participatory Management) Act to *inter-alia* provide for (i) the constitution of River Basin Organisation and for their powers and functions, and (ii) date collection and studies to be made by the Union for possible inter-State inter-basin transfers. It has also recommended to amend the inter-State Water Disputes Act, 1956 to ensure that awards of inter-State water tribunals are given within a reasonable period of time as also for the effectiveness of such awards.

(c) An implementation Cell in the National Water Development Agency has been constituted to examine recommendations of the national Commission and suggest to Union Government about the implementability or otherwise of the recommendations and to suggest modalities for implementation of such recommendations, as found implementable. An Advisory Committee under the Chairmanship of Chairman, Central Water Commission has been constituted for assisting the implementation cell in examining the recommendations.

Clearance to irrigation projects

3360. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of irrigation projects awaiting clearance from Government till date project-wise and State-wise;

(b) the estimated cost of each project and the stage at which the proposals stand for clearance, State-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government for their expeditious clearance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) and (b) State-wise details of 163 projects received from State Government for appraisal alongwith